

WARREN VOLUNTARY HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Minutes of January 23, 2007 Meeting

Attendees: Richard J. Valente (RV), Edward J. Theberge (ET), John DaSilva (JD), Patricia Read (PR), Eileen Collins (EC)

Absent (Excused): John Treat (JT)

Location: Town Council Chambers - Warren Town Hall

Theberge: Meeting called to order at 7:13 PM

Valente: Asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the 12/18/06 meeting.

Motion made by (JD), seconded by (PR) and approved unanimously.

DaSilva: Presented a financial report for both January. As of Jan '07, \$1740.42 under budget – two expenses:

1.) Secretary Stipend for \$100

2.) Quarterly bill for Lakeville Computer in the amount of \$90.00

Motion made by (JD) to approve expenses, seconded by (ET) and approved unanimously.

Ramos: Status Report – subtotals added per the Committee's request.

Theberge: Requested clarification on Richard Flynn application on the status report.

Read: Gave recollection of the situation and thought application had been denied.

Valente: Requested a review of file and minutes to see if any further information can be provided. Also requested that Ramos review open applications and to prepare a brief synopsis on each to discuss at next month's meeting.

Valente: (RV) recused himself from being the WVHDC member liaison between this board and the planning board because of a potential conflict of interest as he is a property owner abutting the Tourister property. (ET) will take over this responsibility.

Theberge: Requested an alternate volunteer.

DaSilva: Volunteered to be the alternate.

Read: Motion made by (PR) and seconded by (EC) and approved unanimously.

Theberge: Will be attending the Feb. 5 Planning Board meeting. Requested committee members who could not be in attendance, get

their questions to him and he will ask the Planning Board.

DaSilva: Concerned about the drop dead that that this committee needs to get opinions and suggestions back to the planning board to be within the 120 day deadline.

Valente: Reiterated to group that the request for multiple copies of the Master Plan were denied by Mr. Belair due to the plan will be revised and because of the cost. Mr. Belair will recreate certain sections if requested.

DaSilva: Regarding agenda item 4vi. Believes that the new chair of the planning board is Andy Asselin. Feels that it is in the Committee's best interest to get the drop dead date from him.

Valente: Agrees. Suggested a letter be sent to Andy advising him of new representation and asking what is required of the group and by when. There is confusion as to when the 120 day deadline started.

Theberge: He will review letter before it is sent.

Valente: Presented two dates to Michael Abbuzzi regarding the Workshop. Once new dates are available, (RV) will present them to the group for consideration.

Theberge: Regarding Agenda item 4vii. Would like to bring up the

demolition ordinance again in light of the changes that will be taking place in the North End. He will put together an informational packet before next meeting. Believes there is an ordinance in place regarding historic properties, but it needs to have parameters put into place.

DaSilva: Regarding proposed budget, Website costs will exceed the \$400 proposed.

Valente: Regarding agenda item 5i – reviewed the calls received from the Warren Times regarding meetings. Has not heard anything in a while, wanted to keep the group up to date on what was going on.

Valente: Regarding agenda item 5ii – agenda format. Discussion on how to handle the Other category and the possible expansion of the standard agenda to address issues that are usually discussed. Will wait until the Open Meeting Law workshop to see how last minute issues should be handled.

Valente: Regarding items 5iii and 5iv – statute can be discussed now or at a later time, but before the workshop with the town manager.

DaSilva: Our rules and regulations need to be in sync with the State Legislature. The state requires the lien covenant and the forfeiture. If we feel strongly that these should not be included, we need to go back to the State to get the legislature changed at the State Level.

Valente: These four issues identified with the state legislature:

- 1.) Restricted covenant**
- 2.) Depreciable property**
- 3.) Forfeiture of tax reduction**
- 4.) Added commercial property and eliminated residential.**

Valente will review proposed changes to the state legislature from last year. After review, a special meeting may need to be scheduled to move forward modifying the State Legislature before the Town Ordinance can be reviewed.

Read: Under Other, would like to add Correspondence to the monthly agenda

Valente: Will add for the February meeting and then vote at the February meeting to make it permanent.

Valente: Requested a motion to adjourn which was made by (PR), seconded by (JD) and passed unanimously at 8:41pm.